

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
G06F19/00 G01N33/68

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	DE 100 38 694 A (ANAGNOSTEC GES FUER ANALYTISCH) 14 February 2002 (2002-02-14) whole document, in particular paragraphs 0019 and 0021. -----	1,7,9-24
A	VAIDYANATHAN SEETHARAMAN ET AL: "Flow-injection electrospray ionization mass spectrometry of crude cell extracts for high-throughput bacterial identification." JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MASS SPECTROMETRY. UNITED STATES FEB 2002, vol. 13, no. 2, February 2002 (2002-02), pages 118-128, XP002273858 ISSN: 1044-0305 whole document, in particular, p.120, right col., first 2 paragraphs and table 3. ----- -/-	1,7,9-24

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PCT/EP2005/000090**Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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1, 7 (partially), 9-24 (partially)**Remark on Protest**

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1. claims: 1, 7 (partially), 9-24 (partially)

A method of providing a representative, non-redundant overview of the peptide content of a sample type by analyzing a plurality of samples using its peptide topology, wherein the method comprises the steps a)-b) as listed in claim 1

2. claims: 2,3, 7 (partially), 8-24 (partially)

A method of predicting the sequence of proteins comprising the steps a)-e) of claim 2

3. claims: 4-6,7 (partially), 8,9-24(partially)

A method for identifying peptides suitable to be used as marker panels or surrogate for a known peptide as defined by claims 4-6, wherein the last step c) or d) comprises: (i) selecting pairs of potential peptides, which exhibit a difference in the degree of correlation between the experimental groups, or (ii) no correlation of their respective signal intensities, or (iii) which exhibit a degree of correlation with a known peptide above a certain threshold.

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